



	<p>Minutes for the General Meeting held on 20th May 2019 at Burnham & Berrow Golf Club at 11am</p>
	<p>President's Opening Statement</p> <p>Back in March at the Somerset Schools Championship held at Weston super Mare, Mimi Rhodes won and Davina Xanh came 3rd.</p> <p>At the Girls Spring meeting held at Mendip Spring Frankie Dezis, Farrington won with a great score of 41 points, and second was Abigail Moore, Isle of Wedmore with 38 points.</p> <p>The County Championships held at Saltford also saw some great scores. Hannah Woodley was 3 under gross for her afternoon round. Frankie Dezis and Jess Haines both dropped their handicaps considerably by the end of the competition, and I believe now Frankie's handicap is 8.3 and Jess Haines is 8.9.</p> <p>The final between Patience Rhodes and Davina Xanh saw some good golf with Patience becoming the Somerset Ladies Champion.</p> <p>Sandy Heath, Wells GC and Caroline Gilbert, Bath GC have both qualified through the Regional Medal Final at Bridport for the national final during the England Golf Week at Woodhall Spa.</p> <p>Harriet Lockley was selected to play in the Wales v Ireland match at Rosslare in March.</p> <p>She was also selected to play for Wales when the Welsh Girls claimed one of their best wins with a victory in the Irish Girls under 18 stroke play championships, (this event included a team event).</p> <p>In the R & A Under 16 girls event at Fulford, Patience came 12th and Davina 16th in a strong international field.</p> <p>Patience Rhodes has been selected to play in the England under 16 mixed match against Spain at Woodhall Spa on 25-26 May</p> <p>The Justin Rose Junior Telegraph Qualifier - where the best 12 gross scores from girls at qualifiers during the year play in a final at Quinta do Lago in November, Patience at the moment lying 4th with a great score of 4 under from the Irish Girls competition.</p> <p>Mimi Rhodes has been selected to represent England in the German Boys and Girls Open at St Leon-Rot from 30th May - 1st June</p>
	<p>Present</p> <p>Amanda Mayne President, Gill Brown Vice Captain, Jane Pitcher Competitions Secretary, Janet Fear Handicap Advisor, Lesley Matthews Hon Secretary, Linda Hill Vice President.</p> <p>Fiona Hodge Burnham & Berrow, Tricia Grinter Minehead, Gill Jones Isle of Wedmore, Patricia Brown Oake Manor, Kathy Lane Wells, Eileen Arundell Long Sutton, Janet Uhl Tall Pines, Ann Gates Wheathill, Sam Robinson Bath</p>
<p>1.</p>	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Alysia Rees County Captain, Stephanie Moorfoot Hon Treasurer, Sandra Ford Eng Golf SW rep Regional Committee, Susie Gibbins SS Assessor</p>

	<p>Past President Margaret Gliddon Vice President Fran Davies Zena Balcombe, Linda Johnson, Ruth Dowell, Pat Pitt, Angela Webber, Yvette Gregg, Margaret Allen, Eileen Binding, Kay Clarke, Jill Paul, Joan Kendall, Carole Paterson, Alison Lee, Linda Moore, Jenny Davis</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held at Isle of Wedmore Golf Club on 14th January 2019 Approved and signed as correct Proposed by Seconded by Fiona Hodge Janet Fear</p>
3.	<p>Matters Arising none</p>

4.	<p>Finance Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. As 16.5.18, there is £10,322.40 in c/a and £25,000 on deposit. b. Affiliation fees are being received from Clubs. c. £1,064.48 has been paid as a 50% deposit for hotel rooms for 2020 SW Inter County matches. d. Annual insurance premium of £306.26 has been paid which has been partly offset by contributions from Past Captains and Senior Ladies sections, with thanks. e. Entry fees are being received for County competitions – mostly by cheque rather than BACS except for the Championship. f. £2,812.50 is due soon for the balance of the accommodation for the 2019 SW Inter County match week. g. Invoice from Saltford GC for the County Championship is awaited.
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5.	<p>(i) County Captain - Alysia Rees, read by Gill Brown</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Championship was a great success with amazing golf being played at all levels. Our Juniors are coming through thick and fast, thanks to the program in place, being successfully run by our Somerset professionals and passionate volunteers. a. Thanks to social media I am able to keep in touch with my squad who are playing and doing very well in their clubs and at national level, handicaps are at an all time low, making team selection very difficult. I am so excited about this year's squad, as we have available the team that every Captain would dream about for Somerset. Jade Cope Weston Super Mare, Hannah Woodley Enmore. Amanda Mayne Saltford, Aimee Sawyer The Mendip, Lizzie Stephens Mendip Spring, Amelia Mathews Farrington, Patience Rhodes Burnham, Harriet Lockley Isle of Wedmore, Davina Xahn Mendip Spring, Abbie Gray Farrington. Non travelling reserve Carys Parker. b. Girls' golf is at an all time high with social media posting events all over the country, different clubs are holding events for girls, not only for golf but as social gatherings too. Nichola Stroud, professional at Burnham stood up at a get together of clubs and told us all about hers, showing photographs of the girls having huge fun both on and off the course. This is where we grow our talent and so still needing a CJO is hugely disappointing, the CJO would have so much help and guidance, please go away today and think of someone who could take on the leadership of our fantastic talent. c. Woodbury Park is now just around the corner and is only just over an hour away it would be great to have all of you come and cheer the team on, the ladies would love to have you there
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as Gloucester always outnumber us. Wear something green and help us put Somerset ladies' golf back at the top.

(ii) County Vice Captain – Gill Brown

Our first second team match is next Sunday, 26th May at Weston against Devon. The morning foursome matches start at 9am and the afternoon singles begin at 1.30, please come along and support.

A young talented team will represent Somerset in this match

Davina Xahn Mendip Spring

Abbie Gray Farrington

Carys Parker Saltford

Frankie Dezis Farrington

Jess Haines Burnham and Berrow

Ellen Reakes Mendip

Then our next match against Cornwall will be at Launceston on Sunday 28th July, again we will be fielding a young team.

This year's final will be held at Exeter on Sunday 20th October, hopefully Somerset will be one of the finalists.

(iii) Junior Committee Report from Eileen Binding, read by Lesley Matthews

See report attached.

(iv) EG SW Regional Com Rep - Sandra Ford, read by Lesley Matthews

- a. From 2020 match week will be three and a half days.
- b. A discussion has taken place about competitive golf for 50+ ladies, but no conclusion was reached.
- c. The raising of fees to £9.50 was passed at last month's AGM, based on the majority of the extra 50p going to support Juniors.
- d. Please encourage ladies to enter SW events, especially the Bowmaker in Somerset at Isle of Wedmore on 20th September.

(v) Handicap Advisor – Janet Fear

- a. World Handicapping system introduction has now been delayed until November 2020
- b. A training workshop is being held in June, but at short notice we have no one available to go. When I receive the information from that, I will email all the handicap secretaries with the basic details.
- c. Referees have been training hard with the new rules. Ten ladies have now passed their level one referee training. Hannah Woodley has taken and passed level two, others are just waiting for a revision course to be set up.
- d. Anyone who would like to join the referees' team, please contact Janet.

(vi) Competitions Secretary – Jane Pitcher

- a. Entries are very slow for all competitions. We have 20 teams for the Bowmaker at Bath, i.e. 60 ladies, 14 ladies for the 50+ Championship on 18th July at Wells, only 4 for the Bronze Meeting, 29 for the Silver Meeting and 6 pairs for the Fowler Lock Greensomes on 9th September at Minehead.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Fowler Brooches was reasonably well supported with 36 pairs. Next year the date will be slightly later, on 16th April and will be played as a 4BBB off 90% handicap, which we hope will encourage entrants. c. SLCGA Championships were held at Saltford GC in May with 30 players taking part. The new format of three tiers of match play worked well. Congratulations to our new champion, Patience Rhodes and many thanks to Saltford for hosting the event. d. We are awaiting written confirmation that Clevedon will be hosting the new 36 hole one day Championship in 2020. <p>(vii) SS Assessor read by Lesley Matthews</p> <p>The Rating team has completed three courses so far this year and has another seven scheduled. This will complete the target for the County.</p> <p>(viii) Hon Secretary – Lesley Matthews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. I apologize for the clash of this meeting with the Past Captains’ Weekend and I will make sure it doesn’t happen next year. b. England Golf has announced a restructuring of their delivery team network. Martin Higgs has resigned from his post as Club Support Officer for the South West. At the moment Ben Martin is covering our area, but I have not had any contact with him as yet. c. England Golf is going to provide personal liability insurance cover for every affiliated golf club member. This will come into effect on 1 July 2019 and provide £10million personal liability insurance for every affiliated member. d. The next meeting will be on Monday, 2nd September 2019 at The Mendip, followed by 9 holes of golf. If you would like to play, please complete the form on the website and forward it to Jane Pitcher.
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6.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>EG have written to all clubs advising them that winter rules may be extended until the end of May due to the adverse weather conditions.</p>
7.	<p>SLCGA Vacancies</p> <p>There have still been no applications for the posts of County Junior Organiser or County Competitions Secretary or Assistant County Competitions Secretary. Linda Hill explained that the Executive Committee is considering splitting the role of CJO into two, so that one person will be responsible for the elite squads and another for the Futures squads.</p>
8.	<p>News from the Clubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fiona Hodge of Burnham & Berrow reported that a new sixth tee has now been completed and that a redesign of the twelfth is being considered. b. Isle of Wedmore has made a donation to the Juniors.
9.	<p>County Coach Appointments</p> <p>See Junior Report</p>
9.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. None

Signed

Date

The meeting closed at 11.45am. The next General Meeting will be held at The Mendip GC on Monday 2nd September, followed by 9 holes of golf.

APPENDIX

Report from the Junior Committee: May 2019

1. Spring Meeting at Mendip Spring 28th April 2019: 42 girls entered this event which was run over 9 and 18 holes. The winner of the Chivers Trophy was Frankie Dezis (Farrington Park) with 41 points. The winner of the 9 hole red tees competition was Megan Wilde (Wedmore) and Ava Hirons (Saltford) won the shorter 9 hole event. Thanks to Dave Owen, all his helpers and to Mendip Spring for hosting this event
 2. It was great to have 9 juniors in the SLCGA Championships and they acquitted themselves well. 4 out of the 6 finalists were juniors with the main championship being played with Patience from B & B and Davina from Mendip Spring. Congratulations to Patience who won.
 3. Forthcoming events:
 - a. Junior Championship: June 23rd at The Mendip. This will run over 18 and 36 holes and is restricted to those girls with a CONGU handicap. Closing date is 8th June
 - b. First 9 hole competition for girls with higher handicaps and beginners is to be held at Wells GC on Monday 27th May. Following competitions will be on 9th June at Wheathill, 21st July at Wedmore and 21st September at Mendip Spring.
 - c. SW Girls Inter County Competition to be held at Dudsbury from 11th to 13th August. A team of 8 girls will represent Somerset in this inter county event. The team will be announced shortly after the Junior Championship
 - d. Selection Day September 1st at Mendip Spring. This is for those girls who are new to golf and want to join the Somerset Coaching squads
 - e. Autumn Meeting October 20th at Burnham & Berrow. This is open to all coaching squads where a stand aside Texas Scramble will be played, the Courtesy Cup will be awarded and the new Junior Captain announced
 - f. We would like to thank all the clubs who have helped and continue to help and support and host our coaching and Junior competitions
 4. Finally we would like to thank the three clubs/Ladies sections who have made donations to our Junior funds (Farrington Park, Worlebury and Weston). The £250 that has been raised will be used to help support our Junior girls who are making such great progress and achieving great results.
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1. **Coaching Report:** we have almost 70 girls in the Junior Coaching programme in 4 different level coaching squads, ranging from girls who have no handicap at all to seven girls who have single figure handicaps
 2. The final session of 2018/19 took place this month. Sadly Stuart Disney, the Lead Junior Coach, has resigned with effect from October 1st 2019 due to his increased commitments at The Mendip GC. The position has been advertised together with a second coach. This is because there is some restructuring due to the number of girls getting CONGU handicaps

and we will need two coaches for the enlarged Performance squad. Applications are being processed.

3. We have also had sponsorship for new shirts for the Performance and Development squads and for head bands for the Futures squads. If you know of anyone who would be willing to sponsor the girls in any way, please contact Eileen Binding.

Margaret Allen May 2019